UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Andres F. Cabezas,

plaintiff,

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United States Federal Bureau, of Investigation,

defendant.

Case: 1:19-cv-00145

Assigned To: Howell, Beryl A.

Assign. Date: 1/22/2019

Description: FOIA/PI (I-DECK)

COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

Andres F. Cabezas alleges upon knowledge as to his own acts, and otherwise upon information and belief, the following:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is an action under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, et. seq., as amended, the Privacy Act ("PA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552a and the Administrative Procedures Act ("APA"), 5 U.S.C. § 706, to order the production of agency records in the in the possession, custody, and control of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI").

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. This court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B), the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(g)(1)(B) and the Administrative Procedures Act, 5 U.S.C. § 703.
- 3. Venue is in this district under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B), 5 U.S.C. § 552(g)(1)(B) and 5 U.S.C. § 703.

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PARTIES

- 4. Mr. Cabezas, a citizen of the United States and a federal prisoner, is currently confined in the Federal Correctional Complex (Low) in Coleman, Florida and is the requestor of the withheld records.
- 5. The FBI is a component of the Department of Justice, an agency of the United States. The FBI has possession, custody and control of the records Mr. Cabezas seeks.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 6. Mr. Cabezas, via First class mail in May, 2018, issued a FOIA request to the FBI requesting any and all records pertaining to him.
- 7. Mr. Cabezas specifically requested records to include, but not be limited to, "(1) Arrest Reports; (2) Investigatory Records, including hand-written notes and final drafts; (3) Reports of evidentiary and/or scientific information, findings, and conclusions; (4) Plea Agreements of codefendants; (5) Charging Documents; (6) Classification of the Charged Offenses; (7) Video Tapes; (8) Telephonic Recordings; (9) Computer Disks; (10) Computerized NotePad Disks; (11) Photographs; (12) completed and submitted Forms DEA 48, DEA 48-A, DEA-302; (13) all other information, data, and reports not listed above and otherwise exempted by law."
- 8. Mr. Cabezas's request further clarified "[t]his should in particular, be the records pertaining to the Justice Department, and any member of the Department's Staff or agents, and any of its subordinate agencies."
 - 9. Mr. Cabezas also requested a Vaughn Index of any withheld items.

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- 10. Mr. Cabezas provided a certificate of identity with his request.
- 11. The FBI has yet to respond to Mr. Cabezas's FOIA/PA requests.

COUNT I: VIOLATION OF FOIA/PA

- 12. This count realleges and incorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs.
 - 13. Mr. Cabezas has a statutory right to the records that he seeks.
- 14. The FBI's non-responsiveness, and withholding of the items sought amounts to refusal to produce them.
- 15. The FBI has violated FOIA and PA by improperly withholding records responsive to Mr. Cabezas's FOIA/PA requests.

RELIEF REQUESTED

Wherefore, Mr. Cabezas prays that this Court:

- (a) Declare Defendant's failure to comply with FOIA and PA to be unlawful;
- (b) Enjoin Defendant from continuing to withhold records responsive to Mr. Cabezas's FOIA/PA request and otherwise order Defendant to produce the requested records without further delay;
- (c) Provide Expeditious proceeding in this action;
- (d) Grant such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted on this 13th day of December, 2018 by:

Andres Cabezas

Reg. No. 68854-018 Unit B-3 Federal Correctional Complex P.O. Box 1031 (Low custody)

Coleman, Florida 33521-1031

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VERIFICATION

I hereby declare the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746.

Andres Cabe